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To Kay Morrison
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Subject RE: Regarding your questions on the Triangle Lake exposure study

Kay,

Just for clarity, I do not live in Triangle lake, however I know many who do. I am concerned about chemical trespass from a collective and humanitarian perspective. As a grand father, I'm concerned what we are leaving future generations.

Regards,

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> Subject: RE: Regarding your questions on the Triangle Lake exposure study

> To: (b) (6)

> From: Morrison.Kay@epamail.epa.gov

> Date: Thu, 1 Mar 2012 16:38:00 -0800

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> Mr (b) (6), Please don't apologize, your original questions are in no
> way flippant - I took them out of context. I can see from the questions
> my colleagues are getting from your community that this is a stressful
> and frustrating situation.

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> I'll send you the response I'm currently working on in a separate email
> message. That way I can cc the EPA technical team and managers. I
> distilled your questions down to chemical trespass and the precautionary
> principle. I'm afraid you may not find the answers all that satisfying,
> given the way our government works, but it's the truth.

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> Sincerely,

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> Kay Morrison
> Community Involvement Coordinator
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> change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has. --
> Margaret Mead

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> From: (b) (6)

> To: Kay Morrison/R10/USEPA/US@EPA

> Date: 03/01/2012 03:45 PM

> Subject: RE: Regarding your questions on the Triangle Lake exposure
> study

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> Hi Kay Morrison,
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> Thank you for your response. I look forward to your responses. Perhaps I
> can re ask my questions without the flippancy which sneaks in on
> occasion. Partly its a function of being involved with chemical issues.
> For me it began in earnest in the last 1970's. Watching the numbers of
> chemicals going up geometrically and our understanding of the unintended
> consequences elementary and largely simplistic it's difficult to not
> have the jaded comments emerge. I apologize.
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> My questions are:
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> How can you ensure the public that we are not guinea pigs for chemical
> companies who sell us a hope and a prayer and we get unintended
> consequences with which no one is accountable. Responsibility,
> accountability and liability are thrown out the window. Instead the
> government asks for volunteers to monitor before and after spraying
> (Bishop - Oregon). How does this make sense when cancer rates are
> increasing and bees and pollinators are decreasing in huge numbers?
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> Pogo was right, we have met the enemy and they is us.
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> So how can we as informed and active citizens work with you (the
> regulator) to insure the least possible long term damage to our
> ecosystems? How can we (you and us) establish liability for chemical
> trespass? How can we shift the act of spraying chemicals from impunity
> to liability?
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> Imagine if a foreign government was poisoning us, our waters and our
> lands? Homeland security and the military would be all over it. But when
> the poisons originate in corporate board rooms and act without respect
> to our basic rights, no one is held accountable. If someone points a gun
> at you, you can defend yourself. Is the same true with chemical guns? I
> don't think the question has been tested in court as yet. One day it
> might.
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> So how can we come to our collective senses and adopt and enforce the
> precautionary principal? Likewise what will it take to hold those who
> chemically trespass liable?
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> What effective suggestions do you have to reverse our present reality of
> 100,000 chemicals and no one responsible?
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> Regards,
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> > Subject: Regarding your questions on the Triangle Lake exposure study

> > To: (b) (6)
> > From: Morrison.Kay@epamail.epa.gov
> > Date: Thu, 1 Mar 2012 14:50:40 -0800
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> > Dear Mr. (b) (6),
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> > I got your contact information from my colleague Scott Downey. He has
> > asked me to answer a couple of the questions you asked of him and Chad
> > Schulze in an email dated January 31.
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> > I'm one of the community involvement coordinators in the Seattle EPA
> > office. Forgive me for quoting your own words back to you, but these
> > are
> > the questions I'm working on:
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> > So I ask you as a gate keeper of regulation, what do you suggest we
> > the public do to insure that being guinea pigs for these chemical
> > trespassers isn't acceptable, reasonable or consistent with the
> > preamble of our constitution, if that document is still relevant? How
> > can we bring back responsibility and liability back into the
> > equation. Or is the slow and continuing contamination of our
> > ecosystems a foregone conclusion?
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> > How can the EPA support and partner with educated citizens to attempt
> > to create the wisdom embodied in the 'precautionary principle'? Or is
> > it just too late and we should all just drink our 'Jim Jones' cool
> > aid and lay down and die?
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> > Please accept my apologies for not writing to you sooner, this email
> > is
> > simply an opportunity for me to introduce myself and to let you know
> > that I plan to have an answer to you very soon.
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